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Montana Livestock Estimates By Counties and Districts - 1998-2000

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The Montana Agricultural Statistics Service compiles the only annual county estimates for Montana. These county and district estimates are based on livestock surveys conducted at the end of 1999 and beginning of 2000. Questionnaires were sent to a sample of farmers and ranchers throughout Montana asking for information on their livestock inventories. About 9,000 questionnaires were tabulated and summarized. Thanks to all the farmers and ranchers who participated in the survey!

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LIVESTOCK: Inventory by Counties, January 1, 1998-2000

COUNTY & DISTRICT	ALL CATTLE & CALVES				BEEF COWS & HEIFERS THAT HAVE CALVED			
	1998	1999	2000	Rank	1998	1999	2000	Rank
Deer Lodge	10,100	11,100	9,500	53	6,200	6,300	5,600	54
Flathead	17,300	17,300	15,700	49	7,900	7,700	7,600	52
Granite	25,000	24,600	24,000	41	16,400	17,000	16,600	39
Lake	55,000	55,000	55,000	21	32,100	32,300	35,300	17
Lincoln	4,300	4,400	3,800	55	2,600	2,600	2,500	55
Mineral	1,100	1,200	900	56	600	700	600	56
Missoula	13,100	12,700	11,700	52	8,000	7,800	8,000	51
Powell	52,000	51,000	51,000	23	30,600	31,500	30,000	24
Ravalli	37,000	37,100	34,600	33	20,300	20,400	19,500	35
Sanders	21,100	21,600	21,800	45	13,300	13,700	14,300	44
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHWEST	**236,000**	**236,000**	**228,000**	**--**	**138,000**	**140,000**	**140,000**	**--**
Blaine	72,000	72,000	71,000	11	47,000	47,000	47,000	8
Chouteau	46,500	44,000	45,000	26	30,400	30,000	29,000	25
Glacier	39,500	39,000	37,000	30	26,500	26,900	24,400	30
Hill	30,100	31,900	28,700	39	17,900	19,000	19,100	36
Liberty	16,000	15,800	15,600	50	10,200	10,000	10,200	49
Phillips	77,000	78,000	78,000	7	48,000	49,000	51,000	6
Pondera	27,100	28,300	29,700	37	18,200	19,100	20,900	34
Teton	62,000	59,000	55,000	21	34,000	33,700	31,900	22
Toole	19,800	20,000	22,000	44	12,800	13,300	14,500	43
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTH CENTRAL	**390,000**	**388,000**	**382,000**	**--**	**245,000**	**248,000**	**248,000**	**--**
Daniels	14,500	14,000	15,200	51	9,600	9,400	10,000	50
Dawson	44,000	43,000	43,000	28	28,700	28,000	28,400	26
Garfield	54,000	57,000	56,000	20	36,000	37,000	38,700	14
McCone	34,000	33,200	35,200	32	21,200	21,500	21,600	33
Richland	56,000	58,000	62,000	14	29,400	30,500	32,300	21
Roosevelt	28,200	28,300	29,200	38	18,200	18,600	18,300	37
Sheridan	22,300	22,500	24,400	40	14,600	15,000	15,700	41
Valley	64,000	66,000	65,000	12	40,300	42,000	43,000	10
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHEAST	**317,000**	**322,000**	**330,000**	**--**	**198,000**	**202,000**	**208,000**	**--**
Broadwater	24,500	23,500	22,400	43	15,000	15,200	14,800	42
Cascade	86,000	85,000	82,000	6	52,000	53,000	55,000	4
Fergus	109,000	105,000	107,000	3	70,000	69,000	72,000	2
Golden Valley	20,900	20,900	20,300	47	12,000	12,600	12,400	48
Judith Basin	64,000	63,000	64,000	13	37,300	38,200	38,400	15
Lewis & Clark	44,000	45,000	47,000	25	24,700	24,900	26,000	29
Meagher	58,000	60,000	62,000	14	34,800	35,600	36,200	16
Musselshell	34,900	35,800	34,300	34	23,200	22,800	23,100	31
Petroleum	23,300	22,200	23,000	42	13,900	14,700	16,100	40
Wheatland	35,400	37,600	36,000	31	21,100	22,000	22,000	32
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CENTRAL	**500,000**	**498,000**	**498,000**	**--**	**304,000**	**308,000**	**316,000**	**--**
Beaverhead	138,000	143,000	157,000	1	79,000	79,000	84,000	1
Gallatin	59,000	58,000	57,000	18	29,100	28,000	28,000	27
Jefferson	21,700	23,600	21,200	46	14,000	14,000	13,000	47
Madison	77,000	78,000	78,000	7	48,000	48,000	51,000	6
Silver Bow	9,300	9,400	8,800	54	5,900	6,000	6,000	53
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHWEST	**305,000**	**312,000**	**322,000**	**--**	**176,000**	**175,000**	**182,000**	**--**
Big Horn	91,000	94,000	96,000	4	59,000	60,000	60,000	3
Carbon	67,000	62,000	60,000	17	31,400	30,900	32,600	20
Park	46,000	45,000	44,000	27	30,400	30,400	31,200	23
Stillwater	57,000	59,000	57,000	18	32,800	34,300	35,100	18
Sweetgrass	51,000	49,000	49,000	24	32,100	31,000	33,200	19
Treasure	32,000	30,000	31,000	36	13,300	14,400	13,900	45
Yellowstone	118,000	117,000	115,000	2	46,000	45,000	44,000	9
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	**462,000**	**456,000**	**452,000**	**--**	**245,000**	**246,000**	**250,000**	**--**
Carter	59,000	59,000	61,000	16	38,000	38,000	42,000	12
Custer	79,000	76,000	76,000	9	44,000	42,300	41,000	13
Fallon	41,500	41,000	41,000	29	25,500	26,000	26,700	28
Powder River	71,000	72,000	73,000	10	44,000	44,000	43,000	10
Prairie	33,000	32,500	32,100	35	19,200	19,000	18,200	38
Rosebud	88,000	87,000	85,000	5	53,000	51,000	54,000	5
Wibaux	18,500	20,500	19,900	48	12,300	12,700	13,100	46
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	**390,000**	**388,000**	**388,000**	**--**	**236,000**	**233,000**	**238,000**	**--**
MONTANA	**2,600,000**	**2,600,000**	**2,600,000**	**--**	**1,542,000**	**1,552,000**	**1,582,000**	**--**

LIVESTOCK: Inventory by Counties, January 1, 1998-2000 1/

COUNTY & DISTRICT	MILK COWS & HEIFERS THAT HAVE CALVED				ALL SHEEP & LAMBS			
	1998	1999	2000	Rank	1998	1999	2000	Rank
Deer Lodge	--	--	--	--	500	--	--	--
Flathead	1,500	1,400	1,400	4	800	800	700	46
Granite	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lake	1,500	1,600	1,400	4	4,400	3,600	3,400	34
Lincoln	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mineral	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missoula	--	--	--	--	1,100	1,100	1,100	42
Powell	--	--	--	--	1,500	1,300	1,100	42
Ravalli	1,700	1,800	1,600	2	4,400	4,500	4,200	29
Sanders	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	700	700	500	--	1,300	1,700	1,500	--
NORTHWEST	**5,400**	**5,500**	**4,900**	**--**	**14,000**	**13,000**	**12,000**	**--**
Blaine	--	--	--	--	7,400	7,500	--	--
Chouteau	--	--	--	--	2,300	2,000	1,800	38
Glacier	--	--	500	8	--	--	--	--
Hill	--	--	--	--	800	800	1,000	44
Liberty	--	500	500	8	--	--	--	--
Phillips	--	--	--	--	10,100	9,000	4,900	26
Pondera	600	600	600	7	7,500	6,600	6,400	19
Teton	500	500	500	8	8,400	7,800	7,400	16
Toole	--	--	--	--	1,800	1,600	1,600	40
Other	1,400	1,000	600	--	700	700	8,900	--
NORTH CENTRAL	**2,500**	**2,600**	**2,700**	**--**	**39,000**	**36,000**	**32,000**	**--**
Daniels	--	--	--	--	800	700	700	46
Dawson	--	--	--	--	7,000	6,900	6,800	17
Garfield	--	--	--	--	49,000	43,000	43,500	2
McCone	--	--	--	--	14,200	13,600	10,000	10
Richland	--	--	--	--	6,000	5,800	5,600	24
Roosevelt	--	--	--	--	5,500	4,100	3,600	33
Sheridan	--	--	--	--	2,300	2,000	1,800	38
Valley	--	--	--	--	4,200	3,900	4,000	31
Other	400	400	500	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHEAST	**400**	**400**	**500**	**--**	**89,000**	**80,000**	**76,000**	**--**
Broadwater	--	--	--	--	4,800	4,400	4,400	27
Cascade	700	700	700	6	11,500	10,200	10,300	9
Fergus	--	--	--	--	7,000	6,300	6,500	18
Golden Valley	--	--	--	--	8,000	8,800	10,400	8
Judith Basin	--	--	--	--	9,700	9,000	8,500	12
Lewis & Clark	--	--	--	--	4,800	4,600	4,000	31
Meagher	--	--	--	--	5,600	6,000	6,100	21
Musselshell	--	--	--	--	10,700	10,000	9,700	11
Petroleum	--	--	--	--	4,600	4,200	4,300	28
Wheatland	--	--	--	--	23,300	20,500	18,800	3
Other	1,600	1,600	1,700	--	--	--	--	--
CENTRAL	**2,300**	**2,300**	**2,400**	**--**	**90,000**	**84,000**	**83,000**	**--**
Beaverhead	--	--	--	--	18,200	18,000	17,500	5
Gallatin	4,700	4,600	4,900	1	7,800	6,700	6,400	19
Jefferson	--	--	--	--	1,200	1,100	1,000	44
Madison	--	--	--	--	9,100	8,600	7,500	14
Silver Bow	--	--	--	--	700	600	600	48
Other	200	200	200	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHWEST	**4,900**	**4,800**	**5,100**	**--**	**37,000**	**35,000**	**33,000**	**--**
Big Horn	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carbon	--	--	--	--	8,800	7,900	7,500	14
Park	--	--	--	--	3,200	3,000	3,100	36
Stillwater	--	--	--	--	11,800	10,400	10,700	7
Sweetgrass	--	--	--	--	12,500	11,500	11,100	6
Treasure	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yellowstone	1,600	1,500	1,500	3	5,700	6,300	5,800	23
Other	600	600	600	--	3,000	2,900	2,800	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	**2,200**	**2,100**	**2,100**	**--**	**45,000**	**42,000**	**41,000**	**--**
Carter	--	--	--	--	59,000	53,000	55,000	1
Custer	--	--	--	--	6,600	5,800	5,900	22
Fallon	--	--	--	--	4,200	3,500	3,400	34
Powder River	--	--	--	--	20,200	17,800	18,300	4
Prairie	--	--	--	--	5,200	5,000	5,100	25
Rosebud	--	--	--	--	4,600	4,000	4,100	30
Wibaux	--	--	--	--	1,200	900	1,200	41
Other	300	300	300	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	**300**	**300**	**300**	**--**	**101,000**	**90,000**	**93,000**	**--**
MONTANA	**18,000**	**18,000**	**18,000**	**--**	**415,000**	**380,000**	**370,000**	**--**

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LIVESTOCK: Inventory by Counties, December 1, 1997-1999 1/

COUNTY & DISTRICT	HOGS & PIGS				CHICKENS		
	1997	1998	1999	Rank	1997	1998	1999
Deer Lodge	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Flathead	2,300	2,600	1,500	19	--	--	--
Granite	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lake	2,100	1,800	700	28	--	--	--
Lincoln	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mineral	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Missoula	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Powell	--	500	--	--	--	--	--
Ravalli	600	800	700	28	--	--	--
Sanders	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	600	300	700	--	--	--	--
NORTHWEST	**5,600**	**6,000**	**3,600**	**--**	**5,500**	**5,500**	**5,000**
Blaine	4,700	4,400	--	--	--	--	--
Chouteau	3,200	2,800	--	--	--	--	--
Glacier	21,400	23,000	15,700	1	--	--	--
Hill	9,900	10,300	8,200	7	--	--	--
Liberty	17,600	18,000	14,800	3	--	--	--
Phillips	3,900	3,100	3,000	15	--	--	--
Pondera	17,500	17,200	15,600	2	--	--	--
Teton	14,500	14,200	13,900	5	--	--	--
Toole	12,300	10,000	8,600	6	--	--	--
Other	--	--	7,200	--	--	--	--
NORTH CENTRAL	**105,000**	**103,000**	**87,000**	**--**	**251,000**	**228,000**	**251,000**
Daniels	4,900	3,800	800	26	--	--	--
Dawson	1,100	1,300	900	25	--	--	--
Garfield	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
McCone	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Richland	--	500	--	--	--	--	--
Roosevelt	900	700	500	32	--	--	--
Sheridan	1,500	1,300	1,200	24	--	--	--
Valley	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	1,200	900	800	--	--	--	--
NORTHEAST	**9,600**	**8,500**	**4,200**	**--**	**4,000**	**4,000**	**3,000**
Broadwater	700	--	500	32	--	--	--
Cascade	17,200	16,300	14,500	4	--	--	--
Fergus	2,300	2,200	--	--	--	--	--
Golden Valley	2,100	2,800	--	--	--	--	--
Judith Basin	1,200	1,400	--	--	--	--	--
Lewis & Clark	3,000	2,200	--	--	--	--	--
Meagher	6,000	6,000	--	--	--	--	--
Musselshell	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Petroleum	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wheatland	8,300	10,300	6,700	8	--	--	--
Other	200	800	16,300	--	--	--	--
CENTRAL	**41,000**	**42,000**	**38,000**	**--**	**137,000**	**134,000**	**142,000**
Beaverhead	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Gallatin	4,000	4,100	--	--	--	--	--
Jefferson	2,000	2,000	1,300	22	--	--	--
Madison	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Silver Bow	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	200	400	3,700	--	--	--	--
SOUTHWEST	**6,200**	**6,500**	**5,000**	**--**	**2,000**	**1,500**	**2,000**
Big Horn	3,000	--	--	--	--	--	--
Carbon	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Park	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Stillwater	2,000	--	1,500	19	--	--	--
Sweetgrass	2,000	--	1,600	18	--	--	--
Treasure	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Yellowstone	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	600	18,800	4,900	--	--	--	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	**7,600**	**18,800**	**8,000**	**--**	**4,000**	**4,000**	**4,000**
Carter	900	900	700	28	--	--	--
Custer	500	600	500	32	--	--	--
Fallon	900	1,000	800	26	--	--	--
Powder River	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Prairie	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Rosebud	1,700	1,700	--	--	--	--	--
Wibaux	800	700	600	31	--	--	--
Other	200	300	1,600	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	**5,000**	**5,200**	**4,200**	**--**	**2,500**	**3,000**	**3,000**
MONTANA	**190,000**	**190,000**	**150,000**	**--**	**190,000**	**380,000**	**410,000**

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